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FORASMUCH as the Late Intestine Troubles and cruel Wars have much despoiled and wasted this Your Majesties Kingdome of Ireland, whereby the Trade & Commerce thereof is much decayed and destitute of

want as well of Merchants, Traders and Dealers of Ability to exercize and Traffick as of skilful Artificers, Artizens and Workmen for the making and working all Sorts of Manufactures there:

And

And whereas for this transportation of the Materials and Commodities of the growth of this Kingdom, as Wool, Flax, Hemp, Woollen and Linen Yarn, Iron, and sundry others the the like, are usually transported, and carried into Forraign Parts, there to be wrought and manufactured into sundry Commodities whereby the People of this Your Majesties Kingdom are deprived of the benefit which might arise by working those materials themselves, and for want of Imployment are necessitated to live idly and poorly, and is apt to run into Thefts, Robberies, Rebellions, and all other sorts of Mischiefs, and if any of the Materials and Commodities aforesaid do happen to be wrought in this Kingdom, either through Unskilfulness or other indirect practice of the Clothmen, they are usually so wrought, as they are most commonly unfit for wearing at Home, or Merchandizing abroad, and therefor[illegible] ready Money is carried out, and transported to buying and purchasing of Forraign Manufactures to the great exhausting and impoverishing the Treasure of this Kingdom:

And whereas many Strangers and others from the consideration of Your Majesties most princely Wisdom, Clemency and Goodness, and of the plentifulness of all sorts of [illegible] Majesties Kingdom abounds in a very great measure, might be incouraged and inclined to transport themselves and Families to the filling and replenishing of this Kingdom, as well with people as Trade, if such Strangers might be made

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partakers of the Advantages, Liberties and Priviledges which this Kingdom hath formerly and doth still enjoy, under the most Gracious and Benign Government of Your Majesty, and Your most Royal Predecessors, and have the free Exercize of their Trades, Mysteries, Crafts and Sciences of buying, selling, working and manufacturing the said Materials without Interruption and Disturbance.

May it therefore please Your most Excellent Majesty that it may be Enacted, And Be it Enacted by the Kings most Excellent Majesty, by and with the Advice and Consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and of the Commons in this present Parliament Assembled, and by the Authority thereof, That all and every person and persons born out of Your Majesties Dominions, of the Protestant Religion, and all Merchants, Traders and Dealers in any Goods, Wares or Merchandizes, Artizans, Artificers or others working or manufacturing any Goods or Commodities, or any Mariners or Seamen who are at present inhabiting within any part of this Kingdom, and all others who shall at any time hereafter within the term of seven Years from the end of this present Parliament, transport his or their Stocks and Families into any part of this Kingdom, with intention that Themselves and Children after them, will inhabit, reside and abide in some part thereof, shall after his or their arrival with his or their Stock, Substance and Family or Families within this Kingdom, and after his or their taking the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremacie, to and of Our Sovereign Lord the King, before the Lord Chancellour, or the Lords Presidents or Vice-Presidents of the Pro-

vince of Munster or Connaught respectively for the time being, or any Judge in his Circuit, who are hereby authorized to administer the said Oaths unto any such person or persons as aforesaid, and thereupon to certifie his or their doing thereof unto his Majesties High Court of Chancery there to remain on Record, deemed, adjudged and reputed Your Majesties liege, free and natural Subject or Subjects of this Your Majesties Kingdom, and be adjudged reputed and taken in every respect, condition and degree, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes, Your Majesties natural and liege Subjects of this Kingdom, as if they and every of them had been or were born within this Kingdom of Ireland, and that they and every of them, their Wives and Children, in all things, and by all lawful ways and means whatsoever, shall and may use, have and enjoy the full grace and benefit of all and every the Laws, Preheminences, Jurisdictions and Customs of this Kingdome, to all Intents, Constructions and Purposes in the Law, or otherwise whatsoever, in the same manner and form as any natural born Subject hath, may or can have, use and enjoy; and that they and every of them shall answer, and shall be answered unto, and shall and may implead or be impleaded in whatsoever Court or Courts of Justice or otherwhere within this Your Majesties Kingdom, as the natural born, free, liege Subjects of this Kingdom of Ireland; And that they and every of them by force of this present Act, shall have full Licence, Freedom, Liberty, Power and Authority as well to have, occupy, possess and enjoy, retain and keep, as to ask, demand, challenge and have, and also to acquire, buy,

buy and purchase, or receive by gift or otherwise by any lawful ways or means to the use of them, and of all and every or any of them, their Heirs, Executors, Administrators and Assigns of all and every or of any of them for ever, all, any and whatsoever Manors, Messuages, Lands, Tenements, Rents, Services, Offices, Hereditaments and other Possessions, Goods real and personal whatsoever, as well by any of their Ancestors and Predecessors acquired and purchased, or to them or any of them made, granted, enfeoffed, conveyed or assured, or which at any times hereafter shall and may be made, granted, enfeoffed, given, conveyed or assured, or shall come as Heir or Heirs to their or any of their Ancestors lineally or collaterally by reason of any Descent, Remainder, Reversion, Right, or any other Title, Gift or Conveyance whatsoever, or which after the first day of this present Parliament, shall descend, remain, revert attredo, come or grow unto Your said Subjects, or any of them, and in the same to inherit, succeed and come by Right of Inheritance or otherwise howsoever, without the Let and Impediment of Your most Excellent Majesty, Your Heirs and Successors, any Law, Custom, Statute, Act, Prohibition, Ordinance, Restraint or Inhibition to the contrary, before this time made, Enacted, Ordained and Provided, or any other Matter, Cause or thing whatsoever notwithstanding. And also to prosecute, pursue, maintain, avow, justifie and defend all and all manner of Actions, Suites and Causes, and all other lawful things whatsoever, to do as lawfully, freely, fully, liberally, surely and freely as if Your said Subjects had been and were

were born within this Kingdom of Ireland, and as any other person or persons naturally born within this Kingdome of Ireland, may Lawfully or in any wise do, any Act, Law, Statute, Custom, Ordinance, or other Thing whatsoever, had, made, done, premulged or provided to the contrary hereof in any wise notwithstanding.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every person and persons as well Strangers and Aliens as his Majesties Subjects of the Protestant Religion, who is, are or shall be Traders, Artizans, Artificers, Seamen or otherwise skilled and exercized in any mystery, craft or trade, or in the working or making any Manufacture or Art of Navigation, who are at present residing and inhabiting within this Kingdom, or who shall at any time hereafter come into any City, Burrough, Privileged and Incorporated Town or Place of this Kingdom, with Intent, Purpose and Resolution, there to inhabit, reside and dwell, shall upon his or their reasonable Suit or Request made, and upon payment down or tender of Twenty Shillings by way of Fine unto the Chief Magistrate or Magistrates and Common Council, or other persons authorized to admit and make Freemen of such City, Town or Corporation where he or they do intend to inhabit, reside or dwell, be admitted a Freeman of any such City, Burrough or Privileged or Incorporated Town or Place within this Kingdom, and if he or they shall desire it, of all or any Guild, Brotherhood, Society or Fellowship of anie Trade, Craft or other Mysterie within all or anie the same, and during his or their Residence for the most part, and his and their Fami-

Families conſtant Inhabiting within this Kingdom, and no longer to have, exerciſe and enjoy all Priviledges and Immunities of trading, buying, worksiug and ſelling, in as large and ample manner as anie Freeman of anie ſuch Citie, Burrough, Priviledged and Incorporated Town or other Place, might have, exerciſe or enjoy by virtue of his or their Freedom; and that eberie ſuch perſon or perſons whatſoever, who ſhall be admitted to be free as aforeſaid, ſhall from thenceforth be deemed, eſteemed, taken and be Denizen and Denizens within this Kingdom, anie former Law, Statute, Charter, Uſage or Cuſtome of this Kingdom, or of anie Citie, Burrough, Priviledged Incorporated Town, or other place of the ſame to the contrarie in anie wiſe notwithſtanding.

Provided alwayes, and Be it Enacted by the Authoritie aforeſaid, That all Strangers, Artificers and others, to be admitted Freemen as aforeſaid, before he or they be admitted to be Freemen as aforeſaid, ſhall take the Oaths of Supremacie and Allegiance to Our Sobereign Lord the King, his Heirs and Succeſſors, and alſo ſuch other Oaths as is accuſtomably taken by all or any Freemen or Member of any City, Burrough, priviledged or incorporated Town or other place in this Kingdom, or all or any the Members of any Guild or Brotherhood, Society or Fellowſhip of the Trade, Craft or other Myſterie which he or they ſhall occupie or exerciſe, in caſe he or they ſhall deſire to be incorporated into any ſuch Guild, Brotherhood, Society or Fellow-

ſhip aforeſaid, and ſhall pay, bear and ſuſtain all ſuch Offices and like Charges as all Freemen his Majeſties Subjects of all like Trade, Craft or Myſterie ſhall or do alwayes uſe to bear and pay, and no other or more.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That if any Chief Magiſtrate, Magiſtrates or other perſons authorized as aforeſaid. of any City, Town or Corporation, or any Maſter, Warden or other Governour of any Brotherhood, Societie or Fellowſhip, or anie Trade, Craft or Myſterie within anie ſuch Citie, Town or Corporation, ſhall refuſe to admit anie Trader, Artificers, Artizan, Workman or Seaman, being or coming into this Kingdom with Intent as aforeſaid to be a Freeman of the City, Town, or Corporation where he or they intend to inhabit, reſide or dwell, or to be a Brother or Member of any Brotherhood, Society or Fellowſhip within the ſame, every ſuch Chief Magiſtrate or Magiſtrates, Maſter, Warden or other Governours reſpectively, ſhall forfeit for ſuch his denial the ſum of one hundred pounds; And every Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman ſo denied to be admitted a Freeman of any Citie, Town or Corporation, or to be a Member or Brother of any Brotherhood, Society or Fellowſhip within the ſame, upon tender by him or them made of Twentie Shillings by way of Fine, as aforeſaid, and taking the Oaths of Supremacie and Allegiance as aforeſaid, before any Juſtice of Peace of the County next adjacent to ſuch Citie, Town or Corporation, or wherein ſuch Citie, Town or Corporation

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is ſituated, who is hereby authorized and appointed to adminiſter ſuch Oaths, ſhall thereupon by virtue of this preſent Act, be deemed, reputed and taken to all Intents and Purpoſes to be a Freeman or Member of the ſaid Citie, Town, Corporation, Brotherhood, Society or Fellowſhip of any Trade, Craft or Myſterie where he or they ſhall inhabit, reſide or dwell, and be denied admiſſion as aforeſaid, and thenceforth have, exercize and enjoy the Liberty and Priviledge of trading, working, buying or ſelling of anie Commodities whatſoever in as large and ample manner as if he had been admitted a Freeman of ſuch Citie, Town or Corporation, a Brother or Member of ſuch Brotherhood, Societie or Fellowſhip of any Trade, Craft or Myſterie within the ſame, taking the uſual oaths of ſuch Brothers or Members, which Oath anie one Juſtice of Peace near adjoyning, ſhall have power to adminiſter, and bearing and ſuſtaining all ſuch Offices and Charges as aforeſaid, any Law, Charter, Cuſtom or Uſage to the contrary in any wiſe notwithſtanding.

And in caſe any perſon or perſons ſhall give any interruption or diſturbance to any Trader, Artificer, Artizan, Workman or Seaman aforeſaid, to the hindering him in his working, buying or ſelling as aforeſaid, contrary to the intent and meaning of this preſent Act, every ſuch perſon or perſons ſhall for every ſuch offence forfeit the ſum of Twenty pounds.

And Be it further Enacted by the Authority aforeſaid, That no Stranger born out of the Kings obeyſance, uſing any manner of Trade, Craft, Manufactury, Myſterie or Occupation, and inhabiting within any of the Cities, Burroughs,

roughs, Towns and Suburbs and Liberties thereof, or other places as aforesaid, shall at any one time use, take, retain and keep into his or their services, any Apprentices or any manner of Journeymen or Covenant-Servants above the number of Six, besides his or their Sons or Daughters, who are all to be Protestants, or else the Protestant Subjects of Our Sovereign Lord the King, born under his obeysance, upon pain to lose his or their Freedom, and to forfeit for every such Apprentice, Journeyman or other servant that he or they shall take or entertain above that number, contrary to this Act, the sum of ten pounds, the one half thereof shall be to Our Sovereign Lord the King, and his heirs, and so of all other forfeitures mentioned in this present Act, and the other half to him or them that shall sue for it or them in any of the Kings Courts of of Records, or before any Judge or Judges of Assize in his or their respective Circuits, by Bill, Plaint, Action of Debt or Information, wherein no Wager of Law, Essoyn or Protection shall be allowed.

And be it further Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That all Strangers of the Protestant Religion transporting themselves and families, and being Naturalized as aforesaid, shall for the space of seven years from & after such transporting of themselves and families, and taking the Oaths of Supremacie and Allegiance, as aforesaid, be freed and exempted from payment of Excise, for any of their private household [illegible] or provisions, any Statute, Customs to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding.

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